

2-3-2006

## The Bison, February 3, 2006

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/thebison>

---

### Recommended Citation

The Bison, February 3, 2006. (2006). Retrieved from <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/thebison/1691>

This Newspaper is brought to you for free and open access by the Archives and Special Collections at Scholar Works at Harding. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Bison by an authorized administrator of Scholar Works at Harding. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@harding.edu](mailto:scholarworks@harding.edu).



**HARDING**  
U N I V E R S I T Y



**SPORTS**  
Track team  
prepares for  
upcoming  
season  
PAGE 11



## TODAY

61/39



## INDEX

### AT A GLANCE - 2

- Faces In The Crowd
- Faculty Voices
- In The News
- Weekly Window

### NEWS - 3, 4

- NASA Studies
- IHOP
- Alaska Drilling
- Foreign Language Festival

### LEISURE - 5

- Little Rock Spotlight

### PEOPLE - 6

- Rachel White

### ENTERTAINMENT - 7

- Creative Dates
- "All You"
- Rainy Day Movies

### OPINION - 8, 9

- Cartoon
- Letters To The Editor
- Editor's Column
- Guest Space
- Humor
- Web Talk

### SPORTS - 10, 11

- Baseball
- Track
- Schedules
- Editorial

### CAMPUS WATCH - 12

- Through The Lens

### COMING UP

- 2.3 Baseball vs. University of the Ozarks (Ark.), 1 p.m., Jerry Moore Field
- 2.3 Zathura, 7 & 9 p.m., Benson Auditorium
- 2.4 Women's Tennis vs. Henderson State, 3 p.m.
- 2.4 Men's Basketball vs. Champion Baptist, 4 p.m., Rhodes Field House
- 2.4 You Pick The Talent Talent Show Auditions, 7 p.m., Benson Auditorium
- 2.6 Basketball vs. Arkansas-Monticello, 6 & 8 p.m., Rhodes Field House
- 2.9-11 Two Rooms, 7 p.m., Little Theatre
- 2.9 Basketball vs. Southern Arkansas, 6 & 8 p.m., Rhodes Field House
- 2.10 CAB Spades Tournament, 7 p.m., Student Center
- 2.11 Yours, Mine & Ours, 7 & 9 p.m., Benson Auditorium
- 2.14 Valentine's Day
- 2.14 ASI Speaker Jose Maria Aznar, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium
- 2.17 Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 1 p.m.
- 2.17 Sleepless In Seattle, 7 & 9 p.m., Benson Auditorium

Help us help you.  
Send a calendar of your events to  
thebison@harding.edu.

- FEBRUARY BLOOD DONATIONS•  
Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the month: White Co. Medical Center, 3109 W. Moore, noon - 6 p.m.
- 2.5 Wal-Mart, 3509 E. Race St., 1 - 7 p.m.
- 2.8 Pizza Hut, 2841 E. Race St., 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- 2.13 Wal-Mart, 3509 E. Race St., 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2.19 Wal-Mart, 3509 E. Race St., 1 - 7 p.m.

## Favoritism forbidden: 42 years integrated

### Observation of Black History Month prompts reflection on segregated past

ERIC HOLLINGSWORTH  
student reporter

Until the late 1950s, blacks were required to use different public facilities than whites and attend different schools and colleges. Harding was one of the colleges that allowed only whites to attend. It was not until the Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education, which declared "separate but equal" facilities to be unconstitutional, that things began to change.

Racial integration first occurred in 1957 at Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. Harding, however, did not integrate until the fall of 1963, under

President George S. Benson.

Chancellor and former President Clifton Ganus Jr. said integration was delayed because Benson believed financial support would decrease and interracial dating and marriage would lead to divorce.

Despite the hesitation, however, the Harding faculty pushed to allow blacks to attend Harding, and in Fall 1963, Walter Cunningham, Lewis Brown

and David Johnson, three young black men, entered as freshmen.

An article appeared in the Dec. 5, 1963, issue of the *Bison* calling students to live by the Bible, quoting James 2:1-7. The verses say not to show favoritism, because Jesus did not show favoritism.

Ganus said there were few conflicts with the integration. One of the more prominent problems occurred in April 1969, under

then-President Ganus, when a black student took free literature from the Freedom Forum on campus, set it on fire and threw it into the lily pond.

Students called the *Arkansas Gazette*, and a photographer came to campus expecting a big demonstration, but things were blown out of proportion, Ganus said.

"[The photographer] wanted me to make some big pronouncement about the burning of the literature," Ganus said. "I said, 'That's nothing.' I just laughed it off. He wanted me to say something nasty about it, but I didn't."

See Integration, page 4



CUNNINGHAM, BROWN and JOHNSON

## Safety course offers options to combat harrassment, rape

LINDSEY LOWE  
student reporter

Harding Public Safety is offering a free, eight-hour sexual harassment and rape prevention course to all female Harding students and faculty throughout February.

Several different sections of the SHARP class, taught by Lt. Wayne Westerholm, Harding Public Safety training officer, are planned: one section on Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 6 and 7, four hours each day; and three eight-hour Saturday sections on Feb. 11, 18 and 25.

Enrollment in each section is limited to 10 women to ensure the new class will run smoothly. The locations of the courses and the names of women taking the class will be kept confidential for safety purposes, Westerholm said.

Westerholm said 30 people were signed up as of Jan. 26, and he hopes approximately 100 women at Harding will complete the course by the end of the semester.

Senior Trina Agee said she feels that girls on campus could benefit from such a class not only while at Harding, but also out in the work force.

"I think a class like this is good to have even at Harding, where you would think everything would be all right," Agee said. "Students have is-

sues with [sexual harassment]. [The class] would teach them the best way to handle these types of situations, and know what their rights are."

Westerholm said the class is divided into two sections, a classroom portion and a hands-on portion. This way, students can first understand what is happening to the body during an attack, and then react accordingly, using physical contact and defensive maneuvers as a last resort.

"We go into what kind of [uncomfortable] situations you might be in and what you can do about these situations, as far as looking around, being observant, looking for ways out, looking for obstacles and barricades, all sorts of little things ... so that if something did happen, you already have a pre-planned idea in mind," Westerholm said. "Then the practical [section of the class] goes into the actual physical technique [used] to get away from a situation."

The SHARP course covers physiological reactions and physical maneuvers that are adaptable to various situations and practical for all women, Westerholm said.

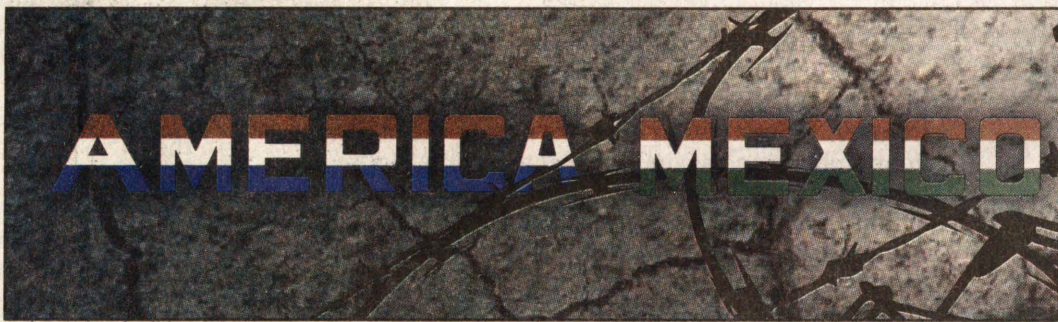
"One thing about this program that's really great is that all the techniques that are taught here are not based on size and strength," Westerholm said.

See Program, page 3



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Lt. Wayne Westerholm demonstrates an angle kick to students Jan. 28 in the SHARP course room. Westerholm and his assistant, Kyle Cochran, are defensive tactics instructors with Public Safety and taught students how to defend themselves against attackers.



## Border protection increased, debated

CHAD WEBBER  
student reporter

As illegal immigration and drug trafficking reach record highs, the U.S. government and private citizens are finding new ways to secure United States borders.

According to the Department of Homeland Security's Web site, since President Bush took office, 4.5 million illegal immigrants and more than 350,000 immigrants with a criminal record have been deported, with 11 million illegal immigrants remaining in our country and 500,000 entering each year.

A 2003 study by the Pew Hispanic Center reported Latin American immigrants working in the United States send approximately \$30 billion home to their families, which

provides them with essential goods and services like food and rent.

A Mexican citizen was arrested Jan. 28 on charges of conspiracy to import a controlled substance after a 2,400-foot long tunnel 90 feet underground containing 2 tons of marijuana was discovered, according to a Jan. 30 NewsMax article.

The tunnel ran from a warehouse in Tijuana to a warehouse in San Diego and was being leased by V&F Distributors LLC, ICE, whose purpose was, according to a real estate report, to distribute produce.

Since the 1970s the amount of drug trafficking to the United States though the Southern border has decreased, according to the NewsMax article. Dr. Kevin Klein, chair of history

and social science, said the issue now is the prospect of terrorism.

"When you're [prohibiting] 10 percent of the alcohol or 30 percent of illegal cocaine, that's OK on a certain level," Klein said. "But do you really only want to be able to [prohibit] 30 percent of terrorists? So you've got a real conundrum: Do I just shut this border down; do I seal it?"

According to a Jan. 17 Arizona Daily Sun article, the U.S. government plans to install steel pole barriers to stop illegal drug traffickers and immigrants from driving through known high-traffic areas.

The steel poles, 12 inches in diameter and filled with resin, will be placed four feet apart.

See Immigrants, page 4

## OCU divorce policy created, withdrawn

KALI FLEWELLEN  
student reporter

Oklahoma Christian University recently withdrew a policy that would have allowed the firing of faculty members who divorced their spouses, according to a Jan. 12 Oklahoma City Oklahoman article.

The draft policy was expected to go into effect next month, solidifying the divorce policy that had already led to several resignations.

OCU president Mike O'Neal told The Oklahoman the proposed policy was misunderstood and would be reconsidered.

"This University has always and will always strongly affirm the sanctity and the permanence of marriage," O'Neal said. "However, it will also be loving and compassionate to those whose marriages have not been so blessed."

The policy was only codifying an existing practice at OCU. Ron Frost, a spokesperson for

OCU, spoke to reporters at Inside Higher Education, according to a Jan. 13 article.

"We will just not have a written policy," Frost said. "But in situations where there is the potential for someone to exhibit a non-Christian marriage model, then, in that case, we would consider some action."

The article said the policy gave O'Neal authority to fire an employee whose reasons for divorce did not meet "limited scriptural grounds," and acceptable grounds for divorce would possibly be adultery and physical or emotional abuse. Each case would be individually considered, O'Neal said.

O'Neal said he regrets the wording of the policy was not sensitive enough to people who have experienced divorce, the article said.

OCU, an affiliate of the churches of Christ founded in 1950, is located in Oklahoma City and has 250 employees. □

**"This University ... will always strongly affirm the sanctity and the permanence of marriage."**

MIKE O'NEAL,  
OCU President



SATURDAY 2.4	SUNDAY 2.5	MONDAY 2.6	TUESDAY 2.7	WEDNESDAY 2.8	THURSDAY 2.9	FRIDAY 2.10
53/30	55/41	57/35	51/32	50/34	54/37	49/33

# Act well your part

Thespian, professor encourages opportunities

On Jan. 27, I made my annual trek to the Arkansas Thespian Competition — somewhere around the 20th time — to serve as an adjudicator, watch some of the thespians' plays and individual events, and attend a few workshops.

This year I was asked to stay for the award ceremony to present a Hall of Fame Award to Marisa Arnold, a former Harding student and current Searcy High drama teacher.

When it was time for the awards, I was sitting in the audience waiting to be called to the stage to present that award. Marisa, the emcee, called all current members of the Arkansas Thespian Hall of Fame to the stage, then listed her experiences while at Harding and proceeded to tell the audience about my work at Harding and the influence I had on her and many other students, as well as my years of adjudicating for the thespians.

She then called me to the stage and presented me with a plaque — I was to join the Arkansas Thespian Society's Hall of Fame. I was caught off guard.

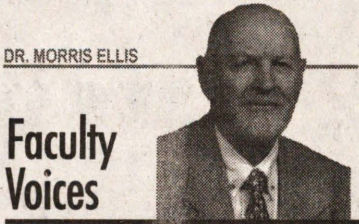
I have gone there all these years simply to serve and do what I could to assist the coordinators, and to encourage the students in developing their craft. I expected nothing, so to be recognized and honored in this manner was very humbling, yet exhilarating.

After receiving my award, I presented Marisa's award to her. It was an exciting and rewarding experience.

On my way home Saturday night, I had the opportunity to reflect on my experiences of the weekend. Many memories flooded me as I looked back on 40 years of being a part of the Harding community, first as a student (1962-1967), then as a faculty member from 1971 to the present.

I wish I had paid more attention as a student to those courses I thought a "waste of my time." I was an accounting major; why did I need to take music and art appreciation? I had no idea that in just a few years I would be needing to research for scene change music or look at art for visual metaphors or color schemes.

I also thought of my peers, who encouraged this farm boy from Missouri to put his skills of carpentry and mechanics to work in the world of theater, a world I had never experienced before Harding.



DR. MORRIS ELLIS

## Faculty Voices

I would encourage every student to take some courses just for fun. It may provide benefits beyond enlarging your education, and you may find something that is more important to you than your chosen major.

Also, let me encourage you to go overseas to study for a semester and to be involved in international campaigns. I have had opportunities to do these things as a faculty member, but I wish now that I had availed myself of such opportunities as a student.

Make friends with all you meet; you will be surprised how many people you will reconnect with over the years after you leave Harding or return to campus to teach. Robin Miller was a student early in my tenure as a faculty member, and now we have worked together as theater faculty for 23 years.

Make the service staff your friends. Your boss may sign your paycheck, but the service people are the ones who can make your daily lives pleasant or miserable. Don't leave your dirty work for others. If you made the mess, clean up after yourself. The service staff is not your mother. Be responsible.

Be pleasant and enjoy your situation. I know there are days when we all want to throw our hands up and quit, but if we can be pleasant through adversity, then we can be like Paul and say, "In all circumstances I have learned to be content."

I really appreciated what Jeff Morgan said last week about being pleasant and positive, and "always remembering that we are on this journey together: We just have different roles."

I hope we all look to see how we can help each other to get much from our lives here on earth and help each other on our journey to heaven.

Thanks to all students, faculty, staff, friends and acquaintances who have made my experience at Harding truly fine. From 1962 through today, it has been a journey I will never regret. □

MORRIS ELLIS is a professor of communication. He may be contacted at mellis@harding.edu.

## WEEKLY WINDOW



Junior Josh Lee applies face paint to Blake Chandler, a high school senior from Mississippi, before the Jan. 28 Bison basketball game. High schoolers who visited the campus for Bison Daze joined the Rhodes Rowdies to cheer for the Bison and Lady Bison games against the Henderson Reddies.

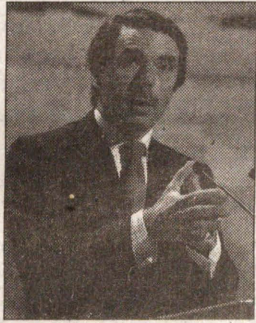
CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

## IN & OUT: NEWS TO KNOW

### Former president of Spain to speak

Jose Maria Aznar, former president of Spain, will speak Feb. 14 as the first speaker of 2006 in the American Studies Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series. He will discuss "Terrorism and Democracy."

Aznar served two terms as leader of Spain, from 1996-2000 and 2000-2004. His economic reforms created nearly 5 million jobs and a budget surplus, which helped Spain become the eighth-largest economy in the world. He is a supporter of firm terrorism policy and cooperation among democratic countries.



AZNAR

### Alito confirmed as Supreme Court justice

The U.S. Senate confirmed Samuel A. Alito Jr. by a vote of 58-42 Jan. 31 as the 110th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Alito was sworn in twice, first by Chief Justice John Roberts and again Feb. 1 at the White House. He replaces Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Alito cast his first Supreme Court vote Feb. 1 in the death penalty case of Michael Taylor, convicted of the murder of a teenage honor student, according to a Feb. 1 CBSnews.com article. The court refused to give Missouri permission to immediately execute Taylor. Taylor had won a stay of execution until the afternoon of Feb. 1 in a lower court, and the state of Missouri wanted the stay to be lifted. This was the second time in two days the Supreme Court refused to allow Missouri to execute Taylor immediately, the article said.

### British star inaugurates Anne Frank Web site

British film star Emma Thompson electronically signed the first page of a new Web site (www.annefranktree.com) Feb. 1. The site allows users to virtually explore the symbolism of the chestnut tree as inspired by Anne Frank, a Jewish girl who hid in an upstairs room for two years in Nazi-occupied Netherlands from 1942-1944. Frank's diary survived and was published.

The Web site was created by the Amsterdam-based Anne Frank Foundation (www.annefrank.org). Users can register to put a leaf on the virtual tree in their commitment to fight racism.



THOMPSON

### Bush makes State of the Union address

President Bush delivered his State of the Union address Jan. 31 at a joint session of Congress at the Capitol. Bush outlined proposals to strengthen the economy, create jobs

and improve health care, according to the White House Web site.

Bush said in the address that America will continue to fight terrorism and protect the country from the threat of those who seek to destroy it with chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. He said America is "addicted to oil" and must break its dependence, according to a Feb. 1 New York Times article. Bush seeks to improve technologies to reduce oil imports from the Middle East by 75 percent by 2025, the article said.

### Coretta Scott King dies

Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King Jr., died Jan. 31 in a clinic in Mexico, a Jan. 31 Los Angeles Times report said. She was 78.

King was admitted Jan. 26 to the Santa Monica Health Institute, an alternative medicine facility in Rosarito Beach, Mexico. According to the Los Angeles Times article, King died of respiratory failure. King had suffered a severe stroke in August and was fighting advanced ovarian cancer at the time of her admission to the clinic.

In the 1970s, King fought to establish a holiday in honor of her husband; it was cleared by Congress Nov. 19, 1983, and signed by then-President Reagan two weeks later. Coretta Scott King supported women's rights and full employment, campaigned against apartheid, and supported same-sex marriages, the Los Angeles Times article said.

King served as president of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Change and published her memoir, "My Life With Martin Luther King Jr.," in 1969.

King is survived by her four children, Dexter, Martin Luther III, Yolanda and Bernice. She is also survived by a sister, Edythe Scott Bagley.



KING

### German engineers kidnapped

Arabic network Al-Jazeera aired a video released by Iraqi insurgents threatening to kill two kidnapped German engineers, a Jan. 31 CNN News article reported.

The captors call themselves the "Supporters of God's Unity and Sunna Brigade" and threatened to kill their hostages in 72 hours unless their demands were met. The insurgents call for German companies to pull out of Iraq and for the government of Chancellor Angela Merkel to close its embassy in Baghdad.

The video has an electronic time stamp of Jan. 29, but CNN has not been able to verify the tape's authenticity, the article said.

The men, who have been identified as Rene Braunlich and Thomas Nitzschke, were working at a detergent factory north of Baghdad.

## FACES IN THE CROWD

### Robin Dover, sophomore



**Hometown:** Lake Ozark, Mo.

**Major:** Early Childhood Education

**M&Ms or Skittles?** M&Ms

**Which film will win the Oscars for Best Motion Picture of the Year?** "Crash"

**Favorite high school memory?** "I went to State throwing shot put."

**To which countries have you traveled?** Australia, South Korea and New Zealand

**Chocolate syrup or chocolate powder for chocolate milk?** Chocolate syrup

**Favorite number:** 33

**What is the worst fad going around campus?** Ugg boots

**Favorite comfort foods?** Fried chicken and mashed potatoes

**Pepsi or Coke?** Pepsi

**Favorite movie:** "Sound of Music"



# Students discover mysteries of space

Professors lead team of 10 through NASA-funded experiments

KRISTIN KELLEY  
student reporter

Two Harding University science professors and a team of students are continuing space exploration research funded by NASA and the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium.

Through three separate yet simultaneous projects, Ed Wilson, professor of chemistry, James Mackey, professor of physics, and 10 students are engaged in cutting-edge scientific research.

The projects involve constructing a laser spectrometer that will attempt to find conditions for life on Mars, developing hybrid rocket technology to make space travel safer and monitoring pollutants in Earth's atmosphere.

Wilson said he got the idea for the spectrometer almost eight years ago from his interest in lasers, specifically laser pointers and how they could be applied to scientific research.

Wilson said, ideally, the spectrometer will go up to Mars and search for biogenic gases that could indicate the existence of past or present life on Mars.

This life form would most likely be in the form of microbes, living in a warm, moist, subsurface cave on the planet, Wilson said.

However, the life-indicator gases Wilson hopes to find — gases like carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, water, hydrogen sulfide, methane, and ammonia — seep through the surface.

Wilson said his idea is simple and does not use much power. Past attempts to land instruments on Mars have been unsuccessful, with the delicate equipment damaged while landing or missing the target altogether.

Wilson's design will utilize a laser mounted on a Mars Rover that will transmit a beam to a re-

flector attached to a separate Mars Lander, positioned anywhere from a few meters to 1,000 meters away.

If there are any biogenic gases that absorb some of the laser's energy in the beam's path, they can be detected, analyzed and located more precisely, Wilson said. Once detected, further investigation by way of drilling and taking soil samples is possible.

Wilson said working in year two of a \$670,000, three-year grant from NASA through Astrobiology Science and Technology Instrument Development has allowed him to test his idea.

"In order to test this instrument on Earth, I have to build a Mars atmosphere simulation chamber in which to place my instrument for testing," Wilson said. "In this chamber, I will be able to create Mars' atmosphere at different temperatures and pressure fluctuations just like those that occur here on Earth."

Wilson said the chamber is being constructed at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and will be ready for use within the next few weeks.

After tests are run at Harding on the spectrometer using the chamber, Wilson said, the next step will be to test the laser in actual outdoor conditions. Wilson's testing site of choice is Axel Heiberg Island in the Canadian High Arctic.

These tests will be conducted to detect biogenic gases, measuring the spectrometer's likelihood for success on Mars. If the tests are successful, Wilson said



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Dr. Ed Wilson, professor of chemistry, and junior Megan Easterly fire a stationary hybrid rocket between two black sensors that feed data into a spectrum analyzer. Wilson said Easterly's individual goal in the rocket research is to measure the rocket's burning speed and eventually use the data gathered to control that speed during the rocket's flight.

he hopes NASA may provide more funding.

"I've applied for a \$1.2 million grant from NASA that would allow for further testing of the laser spectrometer in the Mojave Desert," Wilson said. "[I hope to] hear back about the status of that grant sometime this year."

Wilson said the grant would also allow for broadcast of the experimentation, possibly through the Discovery Channel. This technology could be utilized on space flights as soon as 2011.

Wilson's team is also involved with hybrid rocket technology testing. Wilson said that hybrid rockets are like solid rockets, except that the oxidizer, necessary for ignition of fuel, is not mixed in beforehand. Solid rockets can explode if they become too warm or are accidentally dropped, but hybrid rockets can be stopped and started in mid-flight.

"You get the best of both worlds with hybrid rockets," Chris Smeal, a sophomore computer

engineering major who assisted Wilson with this research last summer, said. "The combination creates a fuel that is stable but controllable."

The technology is gaining renown and is already in use, Wilson said.

"SpaceShipOne, the first civilian spaceship into space, used a hybrid rocket motor exactly like the ones we are testing," Wilson said. "The fuels are cheap and safe — like rubber and Plexiglas. You can even

make fuel out of compressed garbage."

Wilson said he recruits eight to 10 research students to work during the school year and summer with him. Many of the students working with Wilson and Mackey have received fellowships from the ASGC or NASA Workforce Development, which allow them to work alongside Wilson on these research projects.

Wilson said he takes students on week-long trips once during the year to visit the scientists and engineers at the NASA Jet Propulsion

Laboratory, where he worked during the summers of 1997 and 1998 for Stanford University, NASA/Ames Research Center and the Universities of California Irvine and Riverside. These visits give students a chance to interact with scientists in their field.

"It is so exciting to give our Harding students the opportunity to interact with the top scientists and institutions in the world," Wilson said. "Who would believe that these people, who are the best in their field, know about Harding University and actually consult and work with us?"

Philip Ashley, a senior physics major, worked during the summer of 2003 for Wilson and the summer of 2004 at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He helped Wilson develop a laser similar to the one planned for use on Mars.

"Being involved in this research has been a tremendous help to me by giving me experience in the research field," Ashley said. "I have been able to get experience in presenting my work while developing contacts at JPT and California [Institute of Technology]." □

"It is so exciting to give our Harding students the opportunity to interact with the top scientists and institutions in the world."

DR. ED WILSON,  
professor of chemistry

## Defense program deemed beneficial

CONTINUED from page 1

"They're all based on easy techniques using vulnerabilities of the body against the person that's doing the assaulting. And all of these are proven techniques that do work; they're very simple, and in the practical part [of the class], we go over and over them to actually build up muscle memory."

Westerholm said the course teaches women how to handle minor situations, such as unwanted male attention or uninvited physical contact, as well as full-on attacks.

"We're offering this class to provide women with an option, so that when she says 'no,' and a guy doesn't want to back off, she has a technique or a way of actually doing something to get herself out of that situation," Westerholm said.

Junior Kyle Symanowitz said he believes the class is a good precautionary step for women.

"My girlfriend is a smart, responsible girl, and I've never really worried too much about her," Symanowitz said. "But, I realize that often situations occur that are unplanned, and I think that this new class will be beneficial for many girls across campus that just want to be safe."

Though the class does require somewhat of a time commitment, Westerholm said it is a small price to pay for what women will learn.

"It is a good program," Westerholm said. "We do know it's eight hours, which is a lot to ask, especially of college students, but the benefit of it, if it ever had to be used, is well worth eight hours spent on a Saturday." □

## Festival celebrates language learning

KRYSTLE BOISE  
student reporter

The District IV Arkansas Foreign Language Teacher's Association is sponsoring the Third Annual Foreign Language Festival Feb. 4 at Searcy High School.

The festival for District IV language students will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school. The registration deadline for the festival was Jan. 10, and the cost is \$5 per student.

The theme for this year's festival is "Languages: Bridges to Communication."

"About 400 middle, junior and high school French, Spanish, Latin and German students from Central Arkansas have registered for the festival," Wendy Cunningham, AFLTA board member and festival director, said. "We also have volunteer judges from Harding University, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the University of Central Arkansas, Pulaski Technical College and the Arkansas Department of Education."

Cunningham said the festival features events for language students competing against one another. Individual events include extemporaneous reading and speaking, poetry recitation, show and tell, French and Spanish vocabulary competitions, and a culture contest. There are also group events in drama and talent (musical or dance performance).

Cunningham said when students are not competing, they can participate in language-specific games, movies, and arts and crafts. According to the AFLTA's Web site, students placing in the top three positions in each event will receive medals. Ribbons will be

given to students scoring at the "Distinguished" and "Advanced" levels. Students who rank in the "Proficient" and "Honorable Mention" categories will be awarded certificates.

"The festival can help all students, secondary participants and college volunteer judges by giving them an opportunity to use their language skills outside the classroom," Cunningham said. "Many of our students spend weeks, even months, preparing for the festival, and it's a great use of the language skills they are learning."

Cunningham said this year is her second coordinating the language festival and her sixth taking students to the competition. She and a committee of secondary teachers have been planning the festival activities since last April.

Seniors Jennifer Dickinson and Audra Norris are volunteering as judges for the French poetry contest.

"I thought it would be a good experience to be able to judge, see how the kids prepare and see how much preparation goes into [festival]," Norris said.

Dickinson said Dr. Fleming Bell, assistant professor of Spanish, presented the service opportunity to his Foreign Language Teaching Methods class after he received an e-mail from Cunningham.

Dickinson said people outside her class found out about the festival through Bell, Spanish professor Ava Conley and associate professor of foreign language Dr. Joli Love.

"I'm planning on doing a little bit of the judging and sticking around to see what goes on as the festival," Dickinson said. "[This festival] is a learning experience for me as much as it is for [the kids], more so on my part." □

campus activities board

# spades

tournament

feb. 10  
7 p.m.  
student center

www.harding.edu/thebison

## Hoggard Team

We've grown to serve you better!

Whether you're looking to buy a home or sell your current property, we can help! Go to our Web site, [www.hoggardteam.com](http://www.hoggardteam.com), and use our mortgage calculator, browse ALL the active listings in the area, get stats and facts about Searcy and much more!

Visit us online or call today!

New team member, Tish Pace

Phil's Cell: (501) 593-1700  
Judy's Cell: (501) 593-1800  
Tish's Cell: (501) 593-0262  
office: (501) 268-3335  
web: [www.hoggardteam.com](http://www.hoggardteam.com)  
e-mail: [judy@hoggardteam.com](mailto:judy@hoggardteam.com)

Judy and Phil

RE/MAX  
Outstanding Agents.  
Outstanding Results.  
RE / MAX Advantage

Circulation of 3,000+ = Advertising Opportunity

**Student Discount**

One-Topping Pizzas  
Medium \$5 Large \$6.15

268-9000  
Carryout or Delivery

Free Delivery: Sunday-Thursdays until **Midnight**  
Friday & Saturday until **1 a.m.**



# Alaska refuge opened for oil

ESTER ALEGRIA  
student reporter

In an effort to cut down on the United States' dependence on foreign oil, the U.S. Interior Department opened drilling on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Alaska after months of dispute in Congress.

The drilling of 389,000 acres was approved Jan. 12 amidst criticism by environmental activists, a Jan. 12 New York Times article said. According to a March 16, 2005, Seattle KOMO TV news report, approximately 10.4 billion barrels lie under the wildlife refuge.

While supporters of the bill say the refuge and oil development can coexist, environmentalists argue the pipelines and drilling will harm millions of migratory birds, caribou and other wildlife, as well as a vital area for molting geese, the Times article said.

The traffic on the coast will compromise the habitat and cause more pollution in the

area. Others speculate the oil will not be seen by consumers for another 10 years, the KOMO report said.

According to a Jan. 12 Yahoo news report, the drilling should start around the end of 2007 or beginning of 2008.

Junior Kyndall Garner said she believes the oil is important, but nature should be respected.

"I think using some of the land would be fine as long as the wildlife weren't affected."

KYNDALL GARNER,  
junior

"I think that using some of the land would be fine as long as the wildlife weren't affected," Garner said. "If we could get oil from our own country, that would be great, [better than] getting oil from outside sources."

In a Jan. 11 USA Today article, Henri Bisson, state director of the federal Bureau of Land Management in Alaska, said no more than 300 acres of land will be used for development. Other arguments say that today's modern drilling equipment will use minimal space and will not harm wildlife.

Junior Laura Fossi said

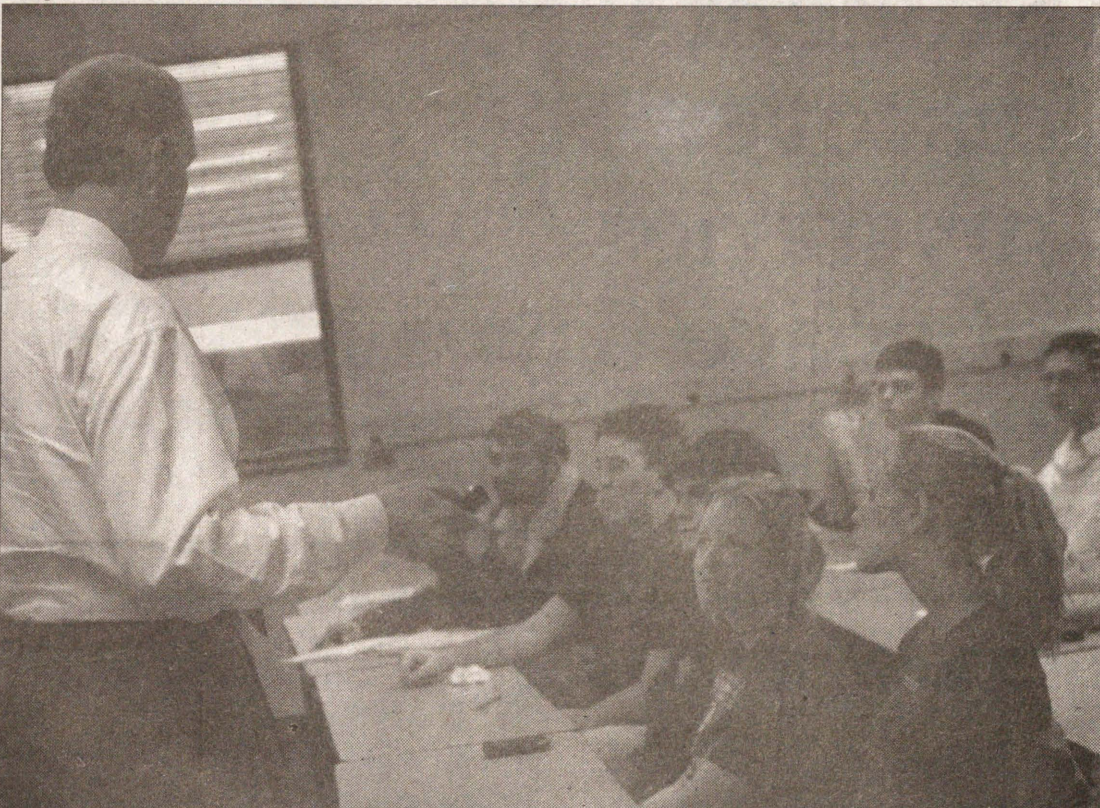
she worries about the consequences of oil exploration.

"Alaska seems so untouched; there's no smog and not many cities," Fossi said. "Alaska seems like our last resort after we've failed to resolve political disputes with other nations. [Before], we didn't want to touch our land because we've realized that destroying our land would be destroying our frontier, our country. Once we destroy our land, it's gone. Doing this now might not seem like that big of a deal, but in 20 years, it's too late, it's done."

Before the Interior Department Approval, Arkansas Senators Blanche Lincoln (D) and Mark Pryor (D) voted to continue debate on the matter, but the majority of the Senate voted to stop debates and start drilling in the Arctic. According to a Dec. 21, 2005, Forbes article, the decision was made with a 52-40 vote.

The Bush administration first opened talks for oil and gas drilling in northern Alaska in January 2001, and Congress has rejected the proposal up until this year, the Forbes article said. □

## Alpha Chi Malachi



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

President Burks addresses members of Alpha Chi Malachi Jan. 23 during the first meeting of the semester in the Jim Bill McInteer Bible and Missions Center. The goal of Alpha Chi Malachi, an organization composed of Bible, Missions and Religious Education majors, is to promote unity and spiritual growth.

# Immigrants meet new struggles

CONTINUED from page 1

The barriers have been tested to withstand impacts of up to 40 mph.

Bush said in a Nov. 28 address at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., "I have a solemn duty, and so do the members of the United States Congress, to protect our nation, our Constitution and our laws. Our border and immigration security officers devote themselves to those same missions every single day."

Organizations such as the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps feel the U.S. Government is not doing enough to secure United States borders. The MCDCC, a volunteer operation, has had some success securing southern United States borders, and, according to their Web site,

most of these volunteers have previous experience in the armed forces.

According to a Jan. 30 Bandera News article, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger supports California's Proposition 187, which denies unauthorized aliens state-financed benefits, including public education, although this legislation was later struck down in the courts.

Sophomore Gloria González said closing the U.S. borders would be inhumane.

"People come [to the United States] because they have an opportunity for a better life," Gonzalez said. "[Immigrants] come here to work, and they do jobs no one else will do. They prove themselves by working instead of [being on]

welfare. [The United States] government has a right to protect its borders, but they have to think immigrants help the economy."

Gonzalez said the fence along the U.S.-Mexico border would not stop immigration.

"Immigrants will find a way," Gonzalez said.

Sophomore Cynthia Aleman said she understands the new border controls.

"Hundreds of people come to the United States to look for jobs and opportunities, but the United States has a right to do what they are doing," Aleman said. "Some people work hard and do good things for the economy, but some do bad things. The United States is trying to prevent bad things from happening." □

# Polled say integration successful

CONTINUED from page 1

In 1969, 26 black students enrolled, Ganus said. In the Fall 2004, 157 enrolled at Harding, constituting 3.8 percent of the total student body, according to research done by Marty Spears, director of institutional research.

In Fall 2004, the University of Texas had 1756 black students, constituting 3.5 percent of total students, and the University of Arkansas had 987, constituting 5.7 percent, according to their Web sites. These percentages at large state schools are relatively close to that of Harding, a small private school.

According to a Jan. 15 Associated Press article, an AP-Ipsos national poll found that most Americans believe the United States has progressed significantly in the area of racial

equality. Three-quarters of the surveyed population said they believed America has successfully followed the tenets of the Civil Rights Movement, and 66 percent of blacks agreed with that sentiment.

Harding sophomore Elizabeth Barnett said she felt the United States had come a long way with civil rights law, but a constant battle continues to be fought.

"It comes down to the bigger issue of not loving each other with pure motives, not recognizing equal value in everyone," Barnett said. "It's good that [segregation] is not by rule, but we all have a hard time recognizing similarities between us. We segregate because we protect our comfort zones. We're most comfortable with the people most like us." □

Ads with the *Bison*, one of the top student newspapers in America, reach more than 3,000 people with each publishing.



GET UP TO A \$10,000 SCHOOLS DON'T PAY FOR YOU

PAY OFF YOUR EDUCATION

Dollar  Menu

i'm lovin' it®



# Fun-filled guide to Little Rock

## History, culture close to campus



HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM/Courtesy Photo

Visitors to the Historic Arkansas Museum tour the 51,000 square-foot Stella Boyle Smith Atrium overlooking the grounds. The museum officially opened in 1941, and the additional center opened in 2001.

J. CLIFF GANUS  
student reporter

A coffee shop, a few parks, the student center and Wal-Mart: These are all typical offerings presented to Harding students for their leisure activities. Though many have resigned themselves to contentment with these meager yet enjoyable possibilities, others are not so easily satiated. There is a stirring deep within many a Bison for more — more things to do, more places to go, more people to meet. Enter Little Rock.

The residents of many larger cities may argue Little Rock is sub-par, but compared to Searcy, Little Rock is a booming metropolis full of activity. The city has much more than meets the eye.

There are, of course, several coffee shops (Starbucks included), movie theaters (18 screens with digital surround-sound and stadium seating at Rave Motion Pictures) and decent shopping (Park Plaza Mall has more than 80 shops and restaurants), but there are also other options. Lesser known, but equally entertaining and often less expensive options are at the

disposal of those willing to drive the extra hour to get down to Little Rock.

If you are interested in doing some extracurricular learning, Little Rock has a number of museums and historic sites from which to choose.

The Historic Arkansas Museum, located at 200 E. Third St. in downtown Little Rock, consists of five Civil War houses completely restored and filled with collections of art, metalwork and early mechanical works. Guided tours run every hour, and

there are living history performances between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The museum is open Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m. and Mondays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tours cost \$2.50.

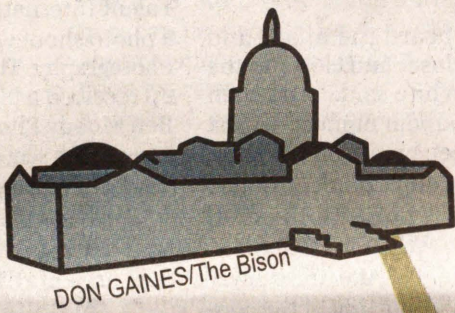
The Museum of Discovery, 500 President Clinton Ave., is another option for an afternoon or evening out of town. The museum's goal is to help people of all ages learn more about the world around them. Exhibits range from playing with bugs and reptiles to a "Passport to the World," displaying information and entertainment from countries around the globe. Open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, the AMOD makes a great date or group outing and does not require much special planning. Admission prices and additional information can be obtained from the Web site: [www.amod.org](http://www.amod.org).

If all you want, when your busy day at school is over, is to kick back and watch a movie, but you are tired of all the same shoot-em-up-and-fall-in-love movies out there these days, the Market Street Cinema may be a welcome haven of culture and relief. Market Street offers the first run

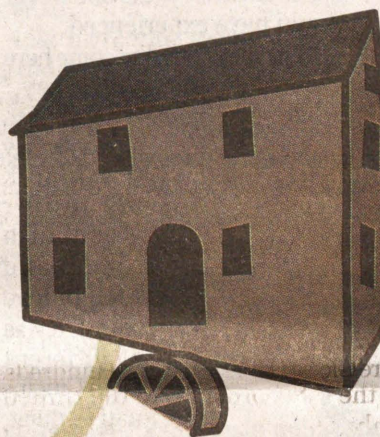
of award-winning independent films. From politically significant biographies to hilarious dark comedies, this theater offers a wide selection of movies at regular ticket prices. Show times and special prices can be found at [www.markstreetcinema.net](http://www.markstreetcinema.net).

The perfect way to complement a good movie is with a great meal. Though restaurants are plenty in Little Rock, the excellent, locally owned choices are often shadowed by the national franchises and might be a nice break from the ordinary. Loca Luna, 3519 Old Cantrell Rd., called one of the "Best Neighborhood Restaurants in America" by Bon Appetit Magazine, features the atmosphere and options of a "big city" restaurant, with the hospitality and service found only in the South. Bruno's Little Italy, Graffiti's and The Faded Rose are additional ideas for a break from the "meateries" and fast-food typically available in Searcy.

The Clinton Library, The Old State House Museum, The State Capitol, The Weekend Theater: All are possibilities. So instead of sitting around the Waffle House next weekend, try hopping in your car (or carpool — split the gas), and head to Little Rock. □



DON GAINES/The Bison

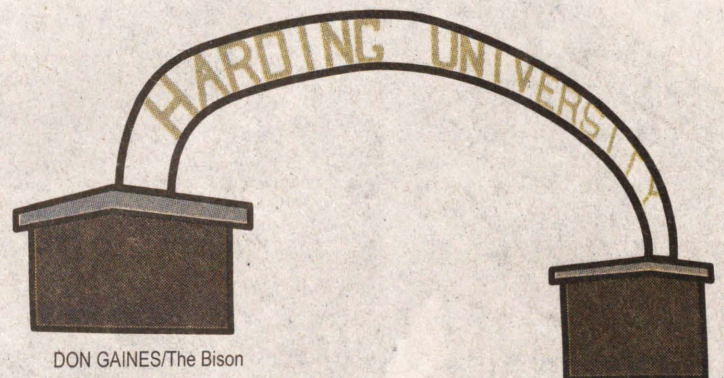


DON GAINES/The Bison



DON GAINES/The Bison

Searcy



DON GAINES/The Bison



# Runway meets Harding student

NATALIE LOLLIS  
student reporter

A girl in grade school hated being the tallest student in her class. She stood out from the rest of her classmates, including the boys who were "supposed to be taller."

The young lady who once saw her height as an obstacle grew to appreciate its possibilities.

Junior Rachel White, an early childhood education major from Cincinnati, Ohio, participated in the "Arkansas' Next Top Model" contest in November and made it to the top five with no past modeling experience.

Having had the reputation of being the "tall girl" in school, White said people she knew told her she should model. Despite the interest of others, she said she never considered it as an option. Her height was another part of who she was.

"My mom always assured me one day I would come to see that [my height] was a blessing and take pride in it," White said.

White never considered Harding as an option until one trip to Searcy her junior year of high school. The trip ultimately led her to future events she never would have experienced.

"I never wanted to come here because it was so far away," White said. "I came to Harding to

visit over my spring break my junior year of high school and I fell in love with it. It was so different from Cincinnati — quiet, small town where everyone was so welcoming. I just knew I was supposed to come here. I can't really explain it any other way than — just a peace of mind. I never once thought about another choice."

White devotes time to programs with Harding and the Searcy

community. She tutors for Harding's America Reads program along with an after-school program at Arkansas Extreme Athletics, and is a member of Ju Go Ju social club.

The idea to try modeling came from a friend of White's at Excel Modeling and Talent, the sponsor for "Arkansas' Next Model." She said White should enter the competition, just for fun.

After one interview in front of an Excel judge and a trip down the runway, White made it to the top five of "Arkansas' Next Top Model." She said it was a long day, but the outcome was welcome. She also said, considering her lack of modeling experience, walking the runway was somewhat intimidating. White said she had about the same level experience as the other participants.

The runway portion was scored by the same women that interviewed the models.

"It actually was really intimidating — all the people were watching you and the judges were whispering to each other," White said. "I just smiled at them and tried not to think about it and just have fun. I mean really, I was walking on a runway. ... That's just the thing you do in your dorm room with

your girlfriends."

White said the most nerve-racking part was waiting for her turn.

"You heard the music and walked closer and closer to the stage," White said. "And then they called your number — I just took a deep breath and did it. ... I actually don't think I exhaled until I walked off the stage."

After the runway portion of the contest, the top five in both the male and female categories had their last shots to prove that they deserved to win. Those pictures were put on the UPN 38 Web site, [www.upn38tv.com/artopmodel](http://www.upn38tv.com/artopmodel), for audience voting. Every week afterwards, voters eliminated one male and one female contestant.

White was the third to be voted off, leaving her at third place — a result she said she was more than content with.

According to the UPN 38 Web site for the competition, both the male and female winners, Candice Peterson of Arkadelphia and Antonio Jordan

of Little Rock, received a two-year contract and a two-month scholarship to Excel Models and Talent International, as well as a photo shoot with Ben Moody Photography. The four runners-up received a photo shoot with Ben Moody Photography and a two-month scholarship for Excel Models and Talent International.

White said her friends and family were supportive, especially her mother. "I am definitely proud of her," Barbara White, Rachel's mother, said. "I think it's a good accomplishment for her as far as modeling goes."

White said she depends on her mom for support. "[With her] being a mom, of course, you have to expect to rely on her being really proud," White said. "She told everyone at her work, at church and our family. She definitely got the word out."

Considering the importance her family holds in her life, White said she plans to move near her home after graduation. White's family instilled in her values that teach to be a beautiful person on the inside. She lives her life under one motto: "Be the kind of woman a blind man could fall in love with." □



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Junior Rachel White reads over her textbook in her room to study for an upcoming test. While participating in "Arkansas' Next Top Model," White still found time to devote to her studies.

"I mean really, I was walking down a runway. ... That's just the thing you do in your room with your girlfriends."

RACHEL WHITE,  
junior



DON GAINES/The Bison



## Woodcarvings



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Senior Scott Beaupre-Mogey admires a work from the Chinese wood carving exhibit Jan. 31 at the Stevens Art Gallery. Graduate student Mark Wang brought his personal collection of antique woodcarvings to Harding from China.

## Dating with a creative twist

TARA PYLATE  
student reporter

The weekend has finally arrived, and once again students are left deciding what to do. Movies are always a convenient choice, or dinner; people have to eat, right?

Now is the time to open up to a number of possibilities. It can be hard sometimes to keep dating interesting. For those who are searching for just the right place to take someone out, here are six creative date ideas, or even just fun activities, that will leave a good impression.

First, get in touch with nature; after all, we are in the "Natural State." Pack some snacks or a picnic lunch, take plenty of water, grab a comfortable pair of tennis shoes or boots and go for a hike in the great outdoors (don't forget to bring binocu-

**Kids always seem to be having the most fun anyway. So be one for a little while and enjoy yourself.**

lars). This is one of the cheapest dates out there, and a big "must" in Arkansas. Going for a hike can be a way to learn more about someone while getting good exercise.

Second, explore the creative side by going to a museum. Whether in an art or a history museum, couples can have fun learning new things (and there will be no pop quizzes). There are numerous of options both in nearby Little Rock and Memphis, with many at affordable prices for those on a college-student budget.

Third, monkey around — go to the zoo. Who can pass up the opportunity to observe exotic and humorous animals in settings similar to their own natural habitats? It is as close to a jungle in Africa or a rainforest in South America as some may ever get. Be sure to check the weather conditions in advance.

Fourth, go ice skating, no experience needed. Ice skating is a fun way to encounter a little bit

of winter bliss. (Hey, if winter won't come to you, go to winter!) Grab a coat, some gloves and a colorful scarf, and journey out for a day on the ice.

Fifth, pretend to be a kid again, and head to the nearest playground. Remember how much fun it used to be to see who could swing the highest or race to see who could get to the top of the jungle gym? It is never too late to revert back to the days of youth. Kids always seem to be having the most fun anyway. So be one for a little while and enjoy yourself.

Sixth, enjoy life from the sky; take a ride in a hot air balloon. For a special date, hot air balloon rides offer a bit of excitement and romance all bundled into one unique experience. Air balloon rides should be for special occasions. The prices are a little steep, but worth it for the experience.

These six suggestions should be a good starting point to finding the "dream date." They will spark a new-found desire to seek out fun in and around Searcy. □

## Women's magazine a worthwhile read

MELISSA MCDONALD  
assistant news editor

Having read fashion magazines since I understood what fashion was, I am accustomed to paying \$5 for a magazine that tells me how to perfect my makeup to "get the clown look," tips on putting the perfect outfit together and costing me "only" \$329, and seeing montages of celebrities spotted lip-locking on the beach. How many readers really want to see that?

Every once in a while, I find a woman's magazine that is really impressive. "All You" is not new to the magazine rack, but I picked it up for the first time and paid a whopping \$1.44 for 116 pages of substance for every woman.

The cover sports a pretty blonde in a flattering yet modest top, which is a strong contrast to other women's magazines with voluptuous models (that no one else could ever hope to look like) gracing the cover.

The magazine's most attractive feature is its content. The reader won't find a celebrity drug-rehab story or life-changing events, but practical features for real people.

I scanned the table of contents to get an overview. Immediately I spotted "cold-weather skin care guide," "cozy clothes that save you money" and "find perfect pants, whatever your shape." A blend of practicality and flattery. I was hooked.

Like a greeting card playing "Happy Birthday" when opened, the magazine sang to me. Within the first couple of pages, I spotted coupons. Since college students are generally frugal by necessity, coupons are always a winner. Although the magazine is clearly aimed at women with families, since many of the ads are for Barbie and Chef Boyardee, the content as a whole is not limited to any certain age group.

The majority of the material is divided into logical sections. The question-and-answer page, common in magazines, is entitled "Let's Talk." A section called "Get Ahead" offers advice for shortcuts that can make your day simpler or for example, help around the house. A three-ring binder allows a busy family to keep bills organized, and an exhausted college student can soothe her tired, puffy eyes with a spoon put in the freezer for 10 minutes. Young adults can benefit from it as much as working mothers.

"Read, Watch, Relax" tells, in short,

the movies, books, music and television shows now available and coming out soon, summarizing them briefly. The book briefs even have tantalizing excerpts to tease the reader.

The beauty and fashion sections are my favorites, because they are so unbelievably normal. The makeup featured was affordable and available from drugstores, not from macys.com. The advice on protecting leather boots in the snow was doable, and there is an "Ask an Editor" section that allows readers to ask questions and debunk myths.

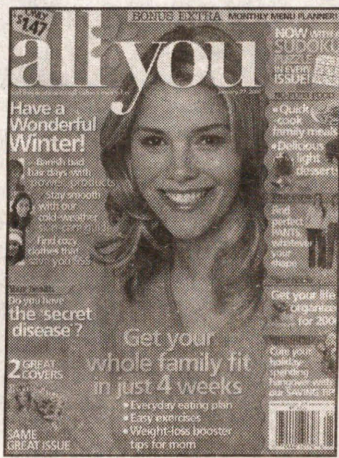
Perhaps the most surprising section of all is the fashion section. The models were normal, everyday women, wearing modest clothes. The fashions were simple but could be dressed-up to accommodate a long day of classes and a Friday night date. The pages are filled with handy advice, ideal for tearing out and taking along on a shopping day.

Tips on healthy meals do not pose threats to a student's budget. Health advice offers valuable warnings, for example, to people who skip breakfast. (They could end up consuming more calories than they should for the rest of the day, and not eating deprives their body of energy and slows down metabolism.)

A section of "Expert Advice" gives readers a chance to submit questions answered by JudyAnn Bigby, medical doctor of Harvard Medical School. Inspirational stories touch readers, such as the story of a woman who received a heart transplant from a 17-year-old boy.

Other sections are jam-packed with useful information, such as "Your Home," "Easy Crafts," "How To" and "Know How," which, in this issue, features tidbits about electronics and gadgets, including how to turn your MP3 player into a stereo. The magazine is complete with a crossword and Sudoku puzzle for kicking back in front of the TV after a long day.

With other magazines I have absorbed probably only 30 percent of the information given. I read the entire issue of "All You" and learned a lot along the way. I absorbed probably 60 percent of the content just the first time through. The makeup, fashion, health and relationship advice were down-to-earth, not just there to look nice and make women want to spend money. I enjoyed the magazine cover to cover and would recommend it to any woman. □



## Rainy-Day movies

*Stay in, keep dry, enjoy*

1. Cool Runnings
2. Day After Tomorrow
3. America's Sweethearts
4. Singing in the Rain
5. Anne of Green Gables
6. The Notebook
7. Ocean's Eleven (1960)
8. Sleepless in Seattle
9. Shrek
10. 2001: A Space Odyssey



### TOP SPOTS

Historic Arkansas Museum  
200 E. Third St.  
Phone: 501-324-9351  
Cost: \$2.50  
www.arkansashistory.com

Graceland  
Elvis Presley Blvd.  
Phone: 1-800-238-2000  
Cost: Approx. \$22  
www.elvis.com

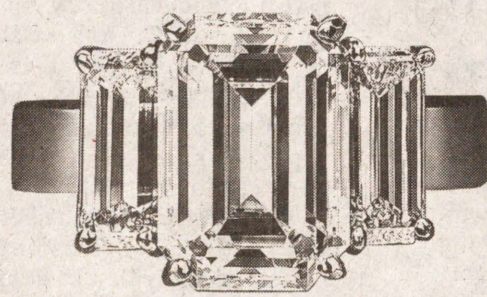
Clinton Presidential Center and Park  
1200 President Clinton Ave.  
Phone: 501-374-4242  
Cost: Students with Valid ID \$5.00  
www.clintonfoundation.org

Memphis Hot Air Balloons  
Phone: 1-800-759-7433  
www.1800skyride.com

Little Rock Zoo  
#1 Jonesboro Drive  
Phone: (501) 666-2406  
Cost: \$6  
www.littlerockzoo.com

Memphis Zoo  
2000 Galloway Ave.  
Phone: (901) 276-WILD  
Cost: \$13  
www.memphiszoo.org

## Rockzilla



So big, it makes women scream.

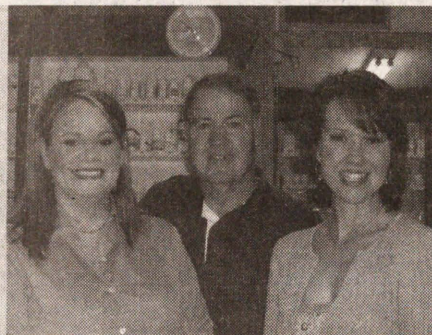
www.tarasgold.com  
268-4684

## R MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY

2900 Hawkins Dr.  
268-3311  
Located inside the  
Searcy Medical Center

2505 W. Beebe Capps  
268-3456  
Located inside the  
Medical Center West

*We accept  
most insurance  
cards*



*We can send  
the bill  
home*

**Harding alumni serving Harding Students**

**Zathura  
In the  
Benson  
7 & 9 p.m.**





A HARDING UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT PUBLICATION

## EDITORIAL STAFF

Rebecca King  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Adrienne Brenon  
BUSINESS MANAGER

Bethany Lam  
COPY EDITOR

Dennis McCarty  
NEWS EDITOR

Bridget Clark  
SPORTS EDITOR

Alexa Johnston  
FEATURES EDITOR

Gwendolen Jackson  
OPINION & EDITORIAL

Chelsea Roberson  
PHOTOGRAPHER

Don Gaines  
ART EDITOR

Kellen Kemp  
WEB SPECIALIST

Susana Veliz  
ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR

Melissa McDonald  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Zach Cheatham  
ILLUSTRATOR

Renee Lewis  
FACULTY ADVISER

## CONTRIBUTORS

Estie Alegria

Krystle Boise

Matt Cherry

Andrew Dorsey

Bethany Edwards

Morris Ellis

Kali Flewellen

J. Cliff Ganus

Eric Hollingsworth

Kristin Kelley

Karyn Kiser

Natalie Lollis

Lindsay Lowe

Tara Pylate

Abby Rodenbeck

Darin Sackett

Nathan Shank

Chad Webber

Megan Whittington

## CONTACT US

The Bison  
Harding University  
900 E. Center  
HU Box 11192  
Searcy, AR 72149  
Student Center  
Room 223

501-279-4696  
NEWSROOM

501-279-4471  
EDITOR

501-279-4330  
ADVERTISING

thebison@harding.edu

## INFORMATION

The *Bison* is a campus newspaper, edited and largely financed by students, seeking to provide high-quality journalistic discussion of issues of concern to the Harding community.

It also serves as an educational tool for students, providing practical experience to enhance skills learned in the classroom.

The *Bison* recognizes its responsibility to be accurate, fair and objective in its reporting while upholding the Christian ideals for which Harding University exists.

It attempts to serve as a forum for student perspectives, welcoming letters to the editor which adhere to ethical and professional standards and are no more than 300 words in length.

Signed columns appearing in the *Bison* are the views of the writer and may not reflect the official policy of the Harding University administration. Unsigned columns represent the view of the editorial board.

The *Bison* is published weekly (except during breaks, test weeks and summer sessions) by Harding University, Searcy, AR 72149. Subscription rate: \$10 per year.

Periodical postage (USPS 577600) paid at Searcy, AR 72143. Postmaster: Send address changes to Harding University Box 11192, Searcy, AR 72149-0001. Contact the *Bison* office at 501-279-4139 or 501-279-4471 or send faxes to 501-279-4127.



# No place to chat

*Keeping sidewalks and hallways clear for the busy walker*

Everyone wants to feel like they're making a mark on the world — like they're doing something with their personal talents to make this place a little nicer. Nursing majors have it easy in this department, though not in the studying department, as do the social workers and teachers. Nurses, teachers and social workers are all groups of people who clearly touch lives.

But what about English majors? Sure, we can spell cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but that doesn't really help someone who's not breathing (plus, who spells out CPR, anyway?). So unless we can convince ourselves that Human Spell Checker is a noble calling, we have to search a little harder to find ways to make a difference.

However, I believe I've found a temporary answer — at least for myself.

Today we're going to have a discussion (not a rant, mind you) about the best places on campus to congregate. We're going to focus on the basics of group accumulation.

How, when, and where. We all know how to make a group, and we all know when — whenever you see people who are worth interrupting your journey.

Where, however, is a much trickier part of the equation. If we've learned anything in college, it's that the simplest answers are often the wrong ones. That holds true in congregating techniques. The simplest place to stop to talk to a friend is the exact place where your paths crossed. Nevertheless, everyone repeat after me: Intersections are not places for chats.

MEGAN WHITTINGTON

## Humor

The simplest place to stop to talk to a friend is the exact place where your paths crossed. Nevertheless, everyone repeat after me: Intersections are not places for chats.

If I pass my best friend at an intersection on Race Street, do I stop there to shout about how long it's been since we've seen each other? No! We know the people driving large trucks behind us plan on continuing their forward motion (right through our back window, if necessary), so we pull over into Fred's Dollar Mart parking lot.

Though the people in the student center or Benson aren't quite so violent, they too believe firmly in inertia. We all think that once we start a journey, we should not have to take lengthy detours simply because someone else has become sidetracked. As both an offender and a sufferer, I have constructed a handy saying to help alleviate this congregation dilemma: Walkways — not an option.

It's happened to all of us ... we just want to get out of chapel and

through the student center in time to get to our 10 a.m. with chicken biscuit in hand. Those who need their personal space balk at jumping into the stream of people flowing to breakfast, but what really holds up the stream are the people who stop in the middle of it to chat. There's no room to go around, and your mother taught you that it is rude both to walk on furniture and to walk between two people holding a conversation.

What's a student to do? We make our mothers cry. We boldly forge ahead, dodging backpacks and breaking up reunions in our quest for breakfast.

I plead with you — don't be a person who causes others to sacrifice their morals that way. Step out of the stream and motion to your friends to follow you somewhere like the Administration Auditorium stage or the lily pond. (If it's winter, please make sure it's empty.) These places offer ample room for congregating, are rarely full and are off the pathways. Your friends will be thrilled to relocate with you because they're kind, considerate people, just like yourself. It's why you're friends.

Now I realize none of us perpetuate this problem out of spite — we're just in our own little worlds. But let's make a difference! Let's declare next week "Freedom of Pathways" week and write little verses about it in hardly legible sidewalk chalk outside the Benson (but not in the paths, please — we couldn't stand the irony of tripping over people trying to read the message). □

MEGAN WHITTINGTON is a guest columnist and may be contacted at mjwhittington@harding.edu.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LETTER POLICY

The *Bison* welcomes your views on issues of interest to the Harding community. Letters to the editor from students, faculty, administrators and the Searcy community are encouraged.

Letters must be signed, contain a phone number for verification and be no more than 300 words in length. The *Bison* reserves the right to edit letters for style, clarity and brevity.

Letters to the editor may be submitted to HU Box 11192 or thebison@harding.edu.

## Cartoon raises issues of ranking sin

I take issue with the cartoon in last week's *Bison*. The cartoon says "Brokeback Mountain," with the movie title casting a shadow, which reads "Broke-down Morals." The caption proclaims: "Casting a Long, Dark Shadow ..." I found this cartoon to be morally repulsive.

As Christians, we claim to stand for righteousness. But recently I've seen Christianity used more often as an excuse to promote bigotry and hatred. "Brokeback Mountain" has been slammed by many Christian organizations and now even by our own *Bison*. We claim we're upholding righteousness by calling this movie out for glorifying sin. I disagree.

Christians today have a habit of trying to assign a rank to sin. Lying isn't great, cheating is pretty bad and sex is just terrible. Homosexuality takes the cake. But my Bible doesn't lay it out that way. My Bible tells me all have sinned and all need God's grace.

If we are honestly appalled at the sin in "Brokeback Mountain," I hope to see a cartoon bashing "Tristan & Isolde" next week for promoting premarital sex. I also hope to see scathing reviews of every teen movie, since disrespect to parents is listed right there with homosexuality in Paul's letter to the Romans.

Sadly, I believe our biggest issue with homosexuality is "The Ick Factor." It makes us feel uncomfortable, so we view it as worse than all other sins. Then we use our religion as a battering ram and try to drive it out of our society and out of our media. We forcefully try to make the world do things our way — something Jesus himself refused to do. And we blasphemously do so in his name.

Sarah Webber, senior

## Chapel speech a necessary reminder of tenets of faith

I greatly respect Dr. Eddie Cloer. I don't know him personally, but I've seen the selflessness, dedication and love with which he conducts the Truth for Today ministry. He has done more work for the gospel in a single lifetime than many of us could imagine doing in five, but he remains a humble and gracious man. Yet his chapel talk on Wednesday left many students and faculty disgruntled.

I, for one, agreed with every answer he gave to "Mr. Stranger's" questions regarding the church. Issues such as instrumental music, denominations, what we call our preachers, etc., are seldom raised in chapel. I've heard many say that humility, grace and Christ's love should take precedence over controversial subjects. While this is true, I can remember dozens of lessons on love, but not one lesson pertaining to an issue that might step on someone's toes. If we as a body claiming to be Christ's church do not know why we believe what we believe or why our worship to God is different from the denominational world's, we will never reach the unity Christ prayed for in John 17.

I challenge each of us to take up our Bibles and study, and I challenge future lessons in chapel to focus on issues dividing the church today so that each student and faculty member may "always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). I admire Cloer for his willingness to broach subjects that others are afraid to, and I pray each of us contemplates the issues that threaten to divide us rather than disregarding them as inconsequential traditions and legalistic utterances.

Megan Bassing, junior

NATHAN SHANK

## Guest Space



# Divided loyalty: choosing two football teams

Most people agree you can't have two favorite football teams. After all, what if the two teams play each other? Do you root for them both to win? Settle for a tie? I think not.

I, however, have had divided loyalties my entire life. Such a sentiment may seem absurd to some or faux pas to others, but to me, it's eloquent. I am both a Green Bay Packers and a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, both pro football, both my favorite. My room is evidence of this split fidelity, from my Steelers blanket to the large poster of Brett Favre gracing my wall.

According to some practical rules for choosing a favorite sports team, my dual favor is perfectly socially acceptable and logically valid.

1. If your hometown has a team, that team must be your favorite. There's no way to get around this one, unless you happen to have grown up in New York City, where there are at least 10 of every sports team. In my case, I grew up in Memphis, which has never owned a team (unless you count the Oilers, who borrowed our city for a transitory year — which I most certainly do not).

2. If there is not a team in your city, your next option is to choose one from another city in your state. This option leaves a bit of ambiguity because several states have multiple teams (California and Texas, for example), so you have the freedom to pick whichever seems best to you. Generally, regions within the state take sides for their favorite. Go with the majority. In Tennessee, we didn't have a pro team until the arrival of the Titans in 1997.

3. Beyond your state, the choices get more complicated, depending on your individual circumstances. If there's a nearby city that isn't in your state, you have the option of rooting for that team. If you've moved around a lot, you may choose a team from another place you've lived that has not been designated as the "hometown" (thereafter following rules one and two). The other option is that you may favor a team that is generally liked by those around you, despite its geographical location relative to yourself.

4. Beyond your favorite team, all the other teams in the league should either be liked or disliked according to how they affect your team. Ones in the same division are automatic dislikes, while other league teams that play your rivals may be favored accordingly.

With these four rules, you should be able to find at least one team to become your obsession. In my case, two options presented themselves: I was born in Wisconsin and could then like the Packers, or because my dad is from the Pittsburgh area, I could like the Steelers.

The weight of each team was equal by the rules, and so I chose both. This choice presented few problems, as the teams are in separate conferences and rarely play.

The advantage to having two favorite teams is that when one plays like the Packers did this year, the other may do better. In a league of 32 teams, it's nice to follow the progress of more than one franchise, especially since games are only once per week in football.

Some may scoff and claim my rules and their applications false. Others may say that "a house divided cannot stand" (Mark 3:25). But I say, "Two are better than one" (Ecclesiastes 4:9), and when it comes down to the Steelers playing the Packers, I'm cheering for the tie. □

NATHAN SHANK is a guest columnist for the *Bison* and may be contacted at nshank@harding.edu.



# Illegal but not inhuman

Discussing the problem of undocumented Mexican immigration

## OUR VIEW

The majority of undocumented Mexicans are here for nothing other than to work and to raise families the same as any ordinary American.

For years, the issue of border control between the United States and Mexico has come up regularly in the news. The government has tried solution after solution, and nearly everyone has some opinion of how to set things right so everyone gets what he or she wants. Despite the proposed solutions, however, the violence and confusion surrounding the border question seem to be escalating.

Recently, [www.alipac.us](http://www.alipac.us) reported on planned collaboration between smugglers and the MS-13 gang to murder border patrol agents; additionally, Fox News has reported on events such as the Mexican government's desire to provide maps to emigrants, as well as the discovery of border tunnels full of marijuana.

To listen to people talk, the opinion on what needs to be done fluctuates between those who think the borders should be tightened without impunity for the transgressors and those who think the borders should be opened, barring none.

Many Americans seek to defend themselves and their own perceived territory, saying the Mexicans, requiring less pay, take jobs Americans could fill just as well, or saying they don't want their tax money going to pay for the education of the children of illegal Mexican immigrants. Others seek to protect those laborers and those children, saying the Mexicans fill jobs Americans don't want, and the children are bona fide American citizens with American rights.

But the Christian's total view of the situation should transcend political concerns. The Christian cannot objectify a group of people, cannot erase the importance of the individual, especially not in order to justify an opinion that the undocumented Mexican immigrant is something not-American — and therefore worthy to be scapegoated.

Instead, regardless of his political stance, he must balance a number of principles within his view. First

among them is that his position as an American grants him no existential privileges. He may be able to vote, he may even get to eat every day, but his capacity to love and to learn and to bleed is the same as that of anyone else. Racism is not an option.

Second, the opinion that the United States is his land should have no bearing on the Christian's discussion of whether it is also the undocumented Mexicans' land. When it comes down to it, none of it belongs to anyone: The land outlasts the person, and so any person's claim on it is at best provisional. Moreover, he has no prepossession of any available job; if a man is capable of work, he should be allowed to seek employment, whether or not he seeks it in his native land.

Third, the Christian has no place withholding his love from the illegal aliens around him. Undoubtedly, many of the undocumented people in the United States have come for illicit purposes; the 2 tons of marijuana found recently illustrate that point.

Nevertheless, the majority of undocumented Mexicans are here for nothing other than to work and to raise families the same as any ordinary American, and life is hard for them. If the Christian sees someone legitimately in need of physical support — food, money, a place to sleep — he will help that person; in the case of the Mexican, the Christian will be more likely to see him in need of social support, an advocate, a person willing to overcome the language barrier. The Christian is called to meet that kind of need without reservation.

The problem of the Mexican-American border is complex regardless of what opinion a person holds; it is a problem that admits no easy answers. The principles mentioned above by no means cover all the bases. But the Christian is first of all an alien in this world, and any perspective he takes on the border problem must be shaded by an awareness of his kinship with those who are also aliens. □



REBECCA KING

## The King's Court

# They elected terrorists; we pull our aid

America should cease all aid to Palestine.

The United States threatened Jan. 27 to cut its more than \$230 million in aid appropriated to Palestinians, because the newly elected Hamas militant group is expected to form a new government, a Jan. 27 Reuters article reported.

Considered a terrorist government by the United States, Hamas beat out the U.S.-backed Fatah party in the Jan. 25 elections. U.S. policies forbid giving money to terrorist groups, so the funding should be halted if America is to follow the law.

But since when have we the people not defended an illegal action? (Does wire-tapping come to mind?)

Thus with the threatened cessation of funds to Palestine. Aid groups are concerned that cutting back U.S. economic assistance would hurt ordinary Palestinians.

It would. But the money flow should still be stopped.

Yes, a lack of American aid will hurt ordinary Palestinians.

But ordinary Palestinians were the ones who elected a terrorist militant group to lead their country.

Hamas has called for the destruction of Israel. Considering how much effort the United States has invested in bringing peace between the two countries and how much America favors Israel — the Jewish state receives more than \$2 billion a year from the United States — it is no wonder that the U.S. government is moving to strike Hamas in the most effective place: the bank.

Why should this matter to Harding students? By now, most students are employed and pay taxes, which go to the federal government, to aid programs and to Palestine.

It's your issue because it's your money.

Reporter Jill Carroll was kidnapped Jan. 7 by Iraqi terrorists, who demanded the release of all U.S.-held female Iraqi prisoners. The kidnappers demanded the release Jan. 17 and threatened to kill Carroll in 72 hours if their demands were not met.

But the United States does not negotiate with terrorists.

If people can back the government in refusing to negotiate with terrorists, why are they suddenly balking at the idea of cutting funds going directly to a terrorist government?

In the end, it's not about politics, agendas or even religion; it's about money. If America stops all aid to Palestine, the "ordinary" Palestinians will quickly realize their mistake in electing a known terrorist organization, and Hamas will be forced to pack its bags when the next coup d'état comes along.

We must remember that we do not owe the Palestinians aid, nor can it be demanded from us. So what if we fund Israel and not Palestine? Is it the United States' duty to sprinkle a million here and a million there? No. We give aid to the countries of our choosing.

And right now, the government threatens not to give \$230 million to terrorists.

Let's stop the threats and make the choice. □

REBECCA KING serves as the editor-in-chief for the 2005-2006 *Bison*. She may be contacted at [rking@harding.edu](mailto:rking@harding.edu) or at 279-4471.

## Editor's Note:

We would like to thank everyone who has written a letter to the editor, and we would also like to encourage others to write in as well. If you have an opinion that needs to be voiced or a concern that needs to be brought to people's attention, please don't hesitate to write.

# Escape via the Pattie Cobb balcony

Lost symbol of freedom presents experiment in responsibility

I realized something about Harding last semester, and I realized something about myself. It began with how frustrated I felt with the rules of the university and how I found and lost my escape from those rules.

I live in Pattie Cobb, in one of the few rooms that has a window directly connecting to a balcony. The day my roommates and I discovered our window could open, we inherited a private and exquisite freedom.

While we never used our open window to sneak out off the balcony and into the unalarmed realm, we did go out to sit on the balcony a great deal.

On one night in particular, I sat on the old white rocking bench talking to a friend of mine from 2 a.m. until 4 a.m.

I spent those hours describing to my friend, who attends a state school, all I could see from the balcony — the view I was able to have of the world from a dorm at Harding.

I told my friend about all the rules at Harding and how I was able to cope with them. Admittedly, a substantial portion of that explanation centered on my window. My window was the small



KARYN KISER

## Guest Space

The glass burst against the hammer, and three horrified gasps escaped us. We knew we would never go onto the balcony again.

way in which I felt I had control of my life.

When my roommates and I returned from Thanksgiving break, something heart-breaking happened.

After deciding we would sit outside and read for a while, we prepared ourselves for an hour on the balcony. I wrapped my fingers around the handle on the window and yanked upward.

Nothing happened. Our window had been nailed shut and sealed around the edges. In a few slow minutes, we were crying.

By the next day, we had moved

through the stages of mourning and onto what we saw as a necessary plan. No matter how much work it took, we were going to open that window again and take back control.

We worked on the seal around the edge for several hours. Finally, we were satisfied that the only remaining problem was the nails. Just 10 nails.

One roommate got the first nail out with a hammer, and I volunteered to work on the second. But I miscalculated the pressure I was placing on the ancient panes.

The glass burst against the hammer, and three horrified gasps escaped us. We knew we would never go onto the balcony again. It did not matter that glass was all over the floor. It only mattered that the symbol of our private and exquisite freedom was gone.

I briefly considered lying to my dorm mom about the circumstances surrounding the gaping hole in our window, but I finally arrived at her door resolved to take responsibility. I was not embarrassed then, as I am not embarrassed now.

My dorm mom was gracious in a way that I had not expected, which says infinitely more about me than about her. And I've come

to believe that the way we react to the rules at Harding says much more about us than Harding.

After my conversation with that friend of mine, I thought surely there was a better way to live with the rules than having an open window.

After my window broke, I spent some time in my then-freezing room wondering what that better way was.

And so I have arrived here, to this one reason: Regardless of how I feel about the rules themselves, I feel an overwhelming confidence that the people who invented them and enforce them have acted out of love.

I still disagree with many of Harding's rules, but I no longer resent them. The broken window brought me there. The \$25 fine to replace the glass now seems like a bargain.

We all have different reasons for disliking most of the words on the pages of the student handbook. And because we are all still here, we must have some way to cope with the rules.

This is my story. Tell me yours. □

KARYN KISER is a guest columnist for the *Bison*. She may be contacted at [kkiser2@harding.edu](mailto:kkiser2@harding.edu).

# Web Talk

In response to the latest *Bison* poll, "Should Harding have observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day differently than it did this year?", 86 percent of voters said it should have, while 14 percent said it should not have. Visit the *Bison*'s Web site to vote in this week's poll: Should the United States stop sending monetary aid to Palestine? Results will be reported in the Feb. 17 issue of the *Bison*.

Have something to say about our Web site, articles or upcoming events? Do you want to submit a letter to the editor or a freelance article? Contact us at [thebison@harding.edu](mailto:thebison@harding.edu).

The Bison Online - Front page

<http://www.harding.edu/thebison/index.php>

Apple (177) Amazon eBay Yahoo! News (706)

**the BISON ONLINE**

Navigation Front page News Sports Leisure People Opinion Opinion Through the lens Harding University Archives

Front Page

**Club process altered, reactions vary**

The social club process is on the verge of significant changes, including the elimination of Induction Week and the Induction Review Team, said officials at an Inter-Club Council meeting April 26.

Through the Lens Leisure

More stories

- Standalone photos
- Flying daggers' review
- Big guy, big mouth
- Incident makes it difficult for cops to receive respect

Editorial Cartoon



# Bisons begin season with new strategies, policies, coaches

*Harding's baseball team opens season with two-game home span*

MATT CHERRY  
student reporter

As the Harding baseball team begins their 2006 season, young players will unite with a new coaching staff.

As the summer of 2005 began, many baseball players left for home, not knowing what would become of their next season, junior second baseman Zach Fisher said.

After talking with athletic director Greg Harndon about the situation, Fisher said he received a phone call two weeks into summer from Patrick McGaha saying he [McGaha] would be the new head coach.

McGaha is joined by assistant coach Jerry Laird. Laird and McGaha first worked from the mound on the Harding baseball field as players. They were — from 1987-1991 and Laird from 1991-1994. Coaching together, McGaha and Laird led Central Arkansas Christian to the 1996 2A state championship.

At the beginning of the 2005 fall semester, Fisher and the rest of the team met their new coaches.

"Everyone had to start over and re-prove themselves," sophomore left fielder J.D. Glenn said.

Players knew things were going to

change from the first practice, Fisher said.

"We began switching up our game to play small-ball," Fisher said. "More bunting and stealing bases."

Now, with only one returning senior, pitcher Michael Davis, Glenn said sophomores and juniors must step up and keep the team's overall power.

"We're only sophomores, but on the field we feel like the older guys," Glenn said.

Without the big hitters of last year, Fisher said the team works each day to grow better, so they will not have to rely on home runs.

"It's really going to come down to our defense and pitching, helping each other out," Fisher said. "I think we're going to be winning games because of our coaching this year."

Now, before their first game, which will be played Feb. 3 at 1 p.m., McGaha said he keeps the team's attention on themselves, taking care of their own business and playing the game right.

"Baseball isn't like football or basketball, where you scout opponents before each game," McGaha said. "You just play against the game, and if you

can beat the game day in and day out, then you're going to be successful."

McGaha said, along with a new strategy, the team was also introduced to a stricter set of rules, both on the field and in the clubhouse.

"We are pretty strict disciplinarians,"

McGaha said. "We have high expectations, and we just came in and set the bar. Baseball is a game where you have to do the little things right if you're going to be successful."

Fisher said the players were eager to try the new approach.

"It's nice, because if you learn to get those little things right then those bigger things come easier," Fisher said.

Glenn said "the little things" continues to be a motto for the team as they prepare for the new season.

"Every day we go over bunting situations and all the little plays, so when that time comes we'll make the routine play," Glenn said.

The Harding Bisons will host the Evangel Crusaders in a double-header Feb. 4 at noon at Jerry Moore Field. □

"Baseball is a game where you have to do the little things right if you're going to be successful."

PATRICK MCGAHA  
head coach



## fortherecord

### Women's Basketball (Record: 8-11)

- 1/28/06 Henderson State 73, Harding 72 - L
- 1/26/06 Arkansas Tech 73, Harding 72 - L
- 1/23/06 Ouachita Baptist 53, Harding 46 - L
- 1/19/06 Christian Brothers 66, Harding 63 - L
- 1/16/06 Central Arkansas 88, Harding 76 - L
- 1/12/06 Southern Arkansas 91, Harding 84 - L
- 1/9/06 Arkansas-Monticello 77, Harding 67 - L
- 1/7/06 Delta State 57, Harding 43 - L
- 1/3/06 Harding 86, Lincoln 60 - W
- 1/2/06 Missouri-Rolla 51, Harding 48 - L

### Men's Basketball (Record: 11-7)

- 1/28/06 Henderson State 68, Harding 55 - L
- 1/26/06 Harding 70, Arkansas Tech 68 - W
- 1/23/06 Harding 70, Ouachita Baptist 64 - W
- 1/19/06 Christian Brothers 70, Harding 68 - W
- 1/16/06 Central Arkansas 70, Harding 69 - L
- 1/12/06 Southern Arkansas 76, Harding 65 - L
- 1/9/06 Harding 79, Arkansas-Monticello 73 - W
- 1/7/06 Delta State 82, Harding 68 - L
- 1/2/06 Harding 72, Missouri-Rolla 63 - W

-Only games played since Jan. 2, 2006 are listed.

## Bisons baseball @home

2/3 Ozarks	1 p.m.
2/4 Evangel	noon
2/7 Arkansas-Monticello	1 p.m.
2/10 Southwest Baptist	3 p.m.
2/11 Southwest Baptist	noon
2/14 Lyon College	1 p.m.
2/21 Williams Baptist	2 p.m.
2/25 Missouri Western	1 p.m.
2/26 Missouri Western	2 p.m.

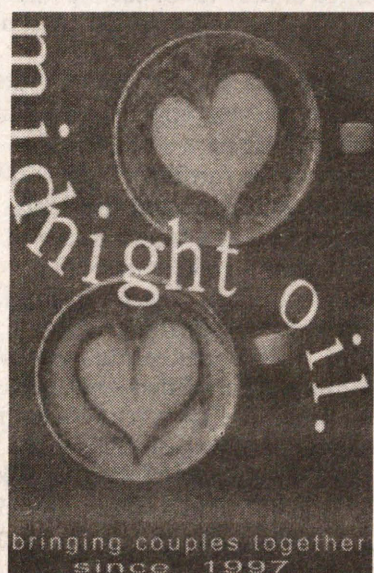
### Bisons basketball @ home

#### Men's

2/4 Champion Baptist	4 p.m.
2/6 Arkansas - Monticello	8 p.m.
2/9 Southern Arkansas	8 p.m.
2/16 Christian Brothers	8 p.m.

#### Women's

2/6 Arkansas - Monticello	6 p.m.
2/9 Southern Arkansas	6 p.m.
2/16 Christian Brothers	6 p.m.



The BISON is circulated to a 3000+ local Primary readership, and 1000+ nationally.

## ADVERTISE HERE

*As a popular student publication,  
The BISON is a perfect avenue of exposure  
to the college market.*



## SPORTS CHALLENGE

Think you know sports? Put your skills to the test in the Pizza Pro Sports Challenge. Fill out the form below and pick this weeks winners. The lucky sports guru who correctly picks the most winners will win two free buffets with drinks from Pizza Pro. Just drop off your completed entry form in the box next to the post office by curfew Friday. Good luck!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Box # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

#### NBA

\_\_\_ Detroit @ Indiana \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Portland @ Denver \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Seattle @ Dallas \_\_\_

#### NHL

\_\_\_ Boston @ Montreal \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Detroit @ Colorado \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Anaheim @ San Jose \_\_\_

#### Tie Breaker:

Guess the final score of Saturday's men's basketball game

\_\_\_ Harding vs. Champion Baptist \_\_\_

Last week's winner: Stephen Crouch





CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

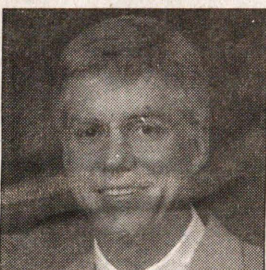
Sophomore decathlon runner **Matt White** clears a hurdle during practice Feb. 1 at First Security Stadium. The Bisons are preparing for a meet at Missouri Southern in Joplin, Mo.

## Track begins spring season

### Bisons face Division I competition at meets

ABBY RODENBECK  
student reporter

The Bisons track team is in Joplin, Mo., on Feb. 3-4 for a meet at Missouri Southern after a two-week break when they competed Jan. 21-22 at the University



GUYMON

of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Bison head coach Steve Guymon said the Fayetteville meet was the first for most of the runners, especially the sprinters.

Guymon said he is looking forward to this season because there appears to be a lot of potential, especially in the sprinter category. Freshman Andrew Hall was two-hundredths of a second off the Harding indoor record in the 200-meter dash.

All of the meets the team will be competing in will be high-end competition meets, Guymon said. Running against larger universities such as Baylor and the

University of Arkansas has the potential to be intimidating for the runners, but Guymon said he trains his runners to not be afraid of any competition.

"I hope they don't fear anyone," Guymon said. "The men and women I coach are very capable of what they have been trained to do. I try my hardest to get them to focus on their race and not to worry about everyone else."

Junior distance runner Kalina Sztyn said she would rather compete against the best teams in the nation.

"It is going to push me and help me to run a better time," Sztyn said. "I love the rush I get every time I step out on the starting line and I know that it is going to be a race until the end."

Senior sprinter Shelly Arberry runs the 4 x 400 meter relay for the men and said the team has a good shot at making it to nationals this year.

"I think it helps we are going to be competing against a lot of Division I teams this season," Arberry said. "I think as long as we run our own race and we don't let every one else dictate

how we run, then we will do really well this year."

Guymon said he is looking forward to the rest of the season, and he said his runners have prepared themselves over break and are really motivated.

"That makes a huge difference," Guymon said. "My runners are really motivated this season and seem to have positive attitudes about the season. I am excited to see what they are going to do."

Three runners have secured a spot at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Meet to be held in Boston during March.

The runners qualified for nationals at Fayetteville. Junior Vicky Echeverria ran in the 5000 meter with a time of 17:38.64. Freshman Janee Jones placed sixth in the women's mile with a time of 4:59.39. Sophomore Artur Kern also ran a provisional time of 4:08.50 in the mile.

The track team will be competing in one more indoor track meet, Feb. 10, before going to the NCAA meet. □

"I love the rush I get every time I stop out there on the starting line."

KALINA SZTYN,  
junior

### Fayetteville Track Results

Women		
- Vicky Echeverria 5000m	17:38.64	6th
- Janee Jones Mile	4:59.39	6th
- Amanda Pruitt 60m hurdles	11.47	18th
- McKenzie Williamson 400m	1:01.73	29th
- Samantha Cheetham 3000m	12:15.14	30th
- Tessa Tarole 400m	1:04.08	33rd
Men		
- Julius Kosgei 3000m	8:15.88	2nd
- Matt White heptathlon	4,414	4th
- Artur Kern mile	4:08.50	8th
- John Langford high jump	6-3.50	8th
- Reed Fisher mile	4:19.16	15th
- Tyler Kerr 60m-hurdles	10.03	28th
- T.J. Davidson mile	4:31.77	27th
- John Langford high jump	6-3.50	8th
- Daniel Morrissey 60m hurdles	10.04	27th
- Jordon Conley 800m	1:59.71	38th
- Shelly Arberry 100m	51.51	39th
- Andrew Hall 200m	23.30	44th
- Jordan Whetstone 400m	52.65	44th
- Jon Titlow 400m	52.65	48th

## Detroit rock city

The birthplace of cars, music is focused on sports

Known as the Motor City and Motown, Detroit is the city of automobiles and soul and has hailed such celebrities as Henry Ford, Madonna, Eminem, Kid Rock and the White Stripes. But one aspect of Detroit that has been consistently overlooked throughout the years is the city's sports teams.

On Feb. 5, however, the spotlight will shine on Detroit as the greatest football game of the year, the Super Bowl, takes place at Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions. The Seattle Seahawks and Pittsburgh Steelers will battle it out at 5:30 p.m. for the coveted Super Bowl XL ring and the title of champion.

Many people wondered why the Super Bowl would take place in the city that has been known as having a high murder rate per capita, but there is something to this city besides the urban gang life and burnt-out buildings; there is a spirit and a love for the city, its people and its teams.

A revival of the city is in place. The heart of Detroit is under construction to improve its image. New million-dollar condos are being built to bring people back from the suburbs. Comp USA has built their headquarters, with a Hard Rock Café on one of the floors. An ice rink was built in the middle of a major intersection and million-dollar casinos were built as another attraction to the city.

And to assure the people that the image of being the rough and tough city will be a weak and idle theme, Joe Louis's fist still stands in the median on Jefferson and Woodward Avenues and the statue of the Spirit of Detroit still stands in Hart Plaza. What better place to hold this game?

Now, onto the sports teams. Although these teams have been thought of as some of the worst to ever play, there's something that keeps the fans entertained and committed.

Growing up in Metro Detroit, I saw baseball at the great Tigers Stadium when Alan Trammell and Sparky Anderson were part of the team. I can still remember sitting in the Coca-Cola fan stands with my \$5 ticket that also allowed me to buy a pop and hot dog.

The Tigers still lost, but it was baseball in Detroit and there's nothing that can touch it. The days of Tigers Stadium are gone, but the team can still be seen in the new Comerica Park as those lazy days of summer go by.

I can still remember watching the Lions and the silver bullet, running back



BRIDGET CLARK

The Inside Pitch

Barry Sanders, as he streaked down the field earning him one of the best records in the history of the NFL. Sanders rushed for 2,358 combined yards in 1997 and was the first NFL running back to record five rushing seasons of 1,500 yards.

Even though they had a rocky past season, with the firing of head coach Steve Mariucci half-way through and the constant switch of quarterbacks, the fans still showed up at the games to cheer on the blue and silver at the newly built Ford Field which brought the team from Pontiac to Detroit.

Not all the sports teams from Detroit have been known as a joke in the athletic world. Detroit isn't called Hockeytown for nothing.

The Detroit Red Wings have dominated the

NHL for the past decade. With the Russian five in the '90s and multiple Stanley Cup wins, in 1998, 1997, 2002 and 2004, America had reason to take notice. Even after the strike, the fans are still showing up and selling-out Joe Louis Arena and throwing those slimy octopi onto the ice.

And then there are the Pistons. With a current record of 37-6 this season, the Detroit Pistons are being compared with the '95-'96 Chicago Bulls and are looking at winning over 70 games and becoming one of the best teams in NBA history.

Taking a bit of a break in the '90s after winning back-to-back championships in '89 and '90, the boys of Detroit are back. They're not boasting one great player like so many teams do, but they have five teammates that are at the top of their game helping each other and the team out as they try and take the title back from the San Antonio Spurs. Fans crowd the Palace of Auburn Hills and cheer on Rip, Chauncey, Tashaun, Big Ben, Rasheem and the rest of the Pistons.

The city may have a lackluster appeal in many people's eyes, but this Sunday the Seahawks and the Steelers won't be the only thing competing; it's also a city shy of a million people vying for the respect and recognition of a nation. □

BRIDGET CLARK is the sports editor for the Bison. She may be contacted at [baclark@harding.edu](mailto:baclark@harding.edu).

*Absolute Indulgence*

*Salon and Day Spa*

- Hair
- Nails
- Facials & Waxing
- Massage

**279-7600**

**2601 E. Race Street**

*Located next to Byron's Jewelry*

**Harding Students receive a 10% discount**

Logan College of

## Chiropractic...

The Right Choice For Your Future

Is your dream to become a doctor, to study in beautiful surroundings, with a world-renowned faculty and state of the art facilities – what more could you want in a professional education? Logan College students receive all this and more! If you are ready to accept the challenge of graduate professional study in science, physiotherapy, nutrition, radiology, clinical sciences, chiropractic techniques and extensive clinical rotations, then Logan College is the place for you.

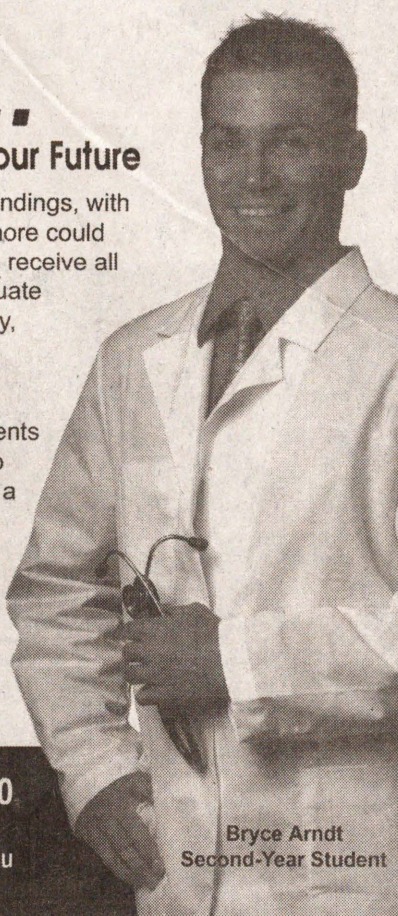
Logan College of Chiropractic gives you the skills to help patients get well through non-invasive healthcare while preparing you to earn a substantial income commensurate with your position as a Doctor of Chiropractic. Most DC's work in a private practice setting, providing time for family and other important quality of life priorities.

Contact Logan College at 1-800-533-9210 or at [loganadm@logan.edu](mailto:loganadm@logan.edu) to receive an information packet describing the world's fastest growing healthcare profession. You can also visit our website at [www.logan.edu](http://www.logan.edu).

**LOGAN**  
College of Chiropractic

1-800-533-9210  
[www.logan.edu](http://www.logan.edu)  
[loganadm@logan.edu](mailto:loganadm@logan.edu)

1851 Schoettler Rd., Chesterfield (St. Louis area), MO 63017



Bryce Arndt  
Second-Year Student

bisons

:: cab presents ::

you pick the talent talent show

*auditions*

... saturday  
... 7 p.m.  
... benson

For Best Results:

## Place Ad Here

Call for More Info: 279-4330

Crack the College Market ~ Maximize Profits

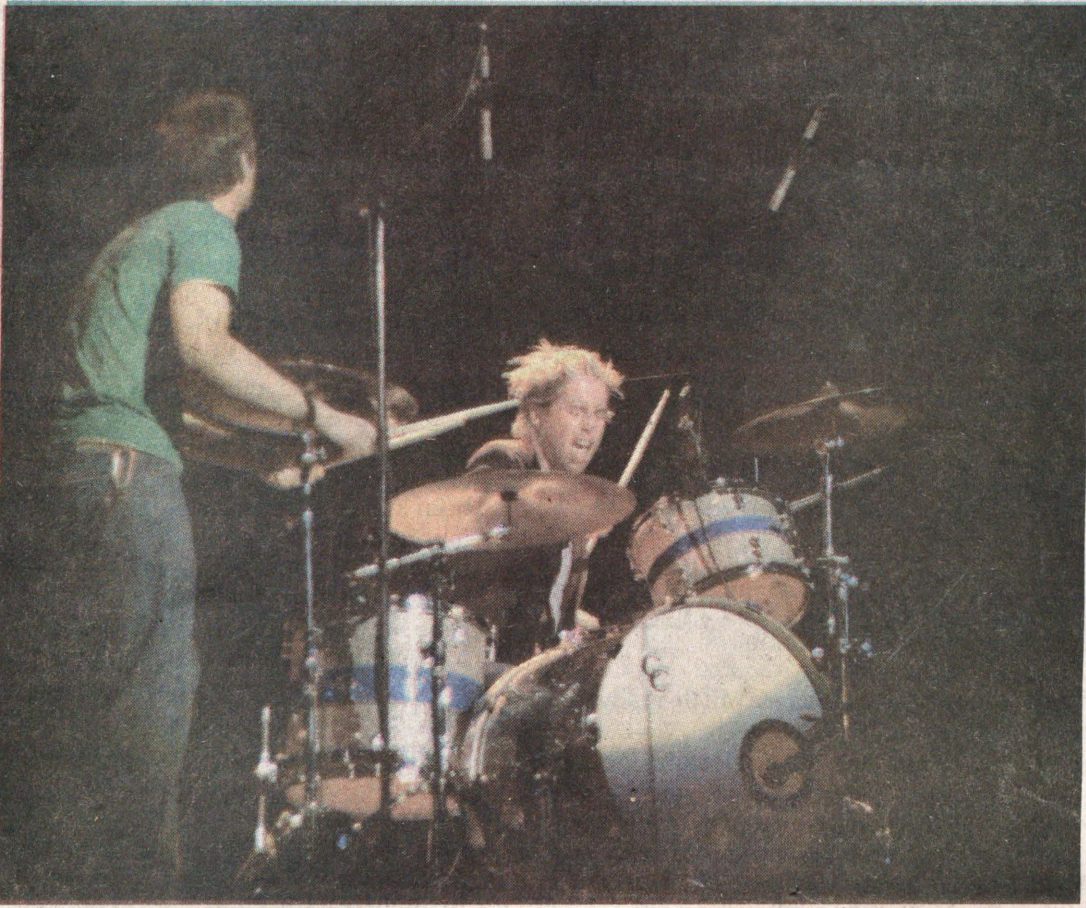
CORRECTION: In the Jan. 28 issue of the Bison, on page 10, a photo of basketball players Alassane Savadogo and Patrick Andrepoint was flipped due to technical oversight. The Bison apologizes for the error.



copeland • cartel • the rocket summer

friday, january 27, 2006  
benson auditorium

*Bison* photographer Chelsea Roberson did whatever it took to capture the perfect concert scenes as the bands Copeland, Cartel and The Rocket Summer performed Jan. 27 in the Benson Auditorium — even balancing on a ladder behind the curtained stage.



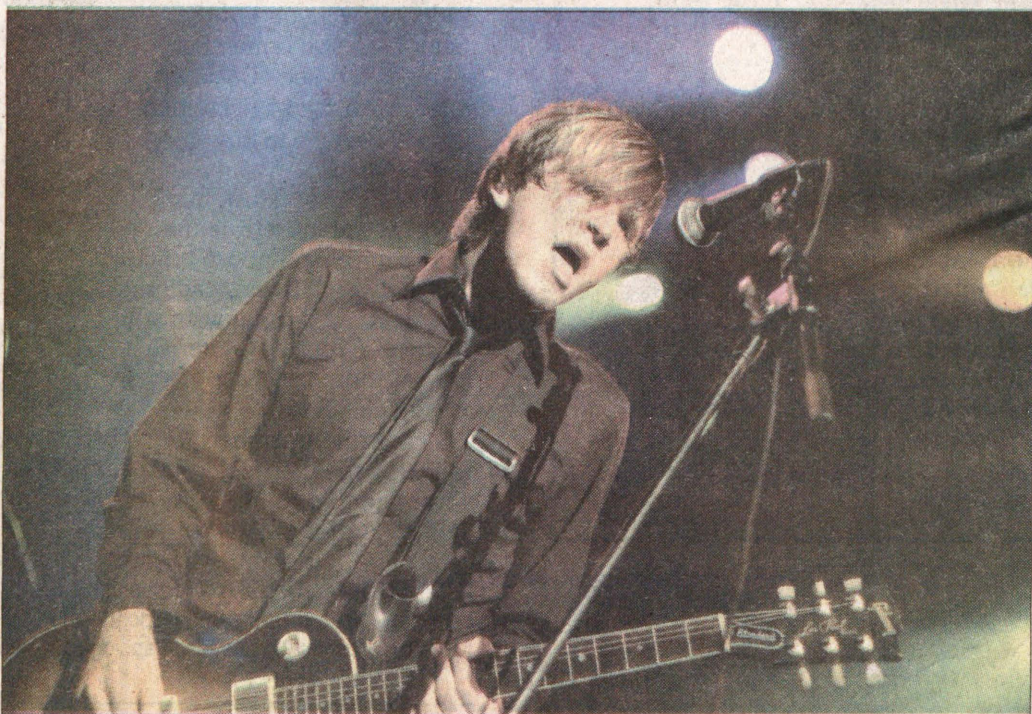
The Rocket Summer's Bryce Avary entertains the audience by joining his drummer to rock out Jan. 27, at the Benson Auditorium. A singer and songwriter, Avary performs all of the instruments on his albums.



Aaron Marsh from Copeland holds the audience captive during his performance. Copeland's latest album, "In Motion," was released in March 2005.



Cartel's lead singer Will Pugh strikes a chord during the Jan. 27 concert, which also featured Copeland and The Rocket Summer. Alternative Press named Cartel "one of the 100 bands you need to know in 2005."



Copeland's front man Aaron Mash strums his guitar on the Benson stage. Copeland recently recorded a cover of Soundgarden's "Black Hole Sun" for the "Punk Goes '90s" CD.

